SOUTH CAROLINA
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

MEMORANDUM

TO: District Superintendents
District Human Resource Directors
Principals

FROM: Kimberly Mack
Director, Office of Leadership Effectiveness

DATE: July 7, 2026

RE: School Leadership Executive Institute (SLEI) 56

The Office of Leadership Effectiveness is pleased to announce a new cohort of South Carolina School Leadership Executive Institute (SLEI) is open to experienced school leaders with three or more years of experience beginning September 2026.

The South Carolina School Leadership Executive Institute (SLEI) has a unique partnership with the Truist Leadership Institute designed to equip principals from districts across the state with the insight, knowledge, and competencies necessary to lead innovative and successful schools. SLEI is a seven-month professional development opportunity that includes one (1) four-day session at the Truist Leadership Institute in Greensboro, NC, and four (4) two-day sessions facilitated by the Office of Leadership Effectiveness. Specifically, participants will explore beliefs, behaviors, and factors that shape personality; develop intentional approaches to leading change; and examine how leadership influences stakeholder engagement.

School participants will be responsible for a program fee of $300, travel expenses, lodging in Columbia, SC, and meals in Columbia, SC. Travel and meals to the Truist Leadership Institute in Greensboro, NC are reimbursed by the SCDE. Each cohort has limited space. Interested participants should register at the appropriate link below.

Dates: September 3, 2026 (Virtual Orientation); September 13–17, 2026 (Truist Leadership Institute in Greensboro, NC); October 22–23, 2026; December 3–4, 2026; January 12–13, 2026. Registration Link: **https://scde.formstack.com/forms/slei56cohort**
Contact Dr. Gerard Edwards, **gedwards@ed.sc.gov** for more information.